

# April 4 2023, Eel River Forum Meeting agenda

11 am – 12:00 noon

Introduction to Conservation and Restoration Program (Phases 1-4)

Questions about the Program

Lunch break 12:00-1:00

During lunch: Optional walk to nearby Town Creek restoration site

1:00 – 3:00

## Goals of the Program:

Define Program Goals

Break out groups to discuss overall Program Goals, collaborative activity.

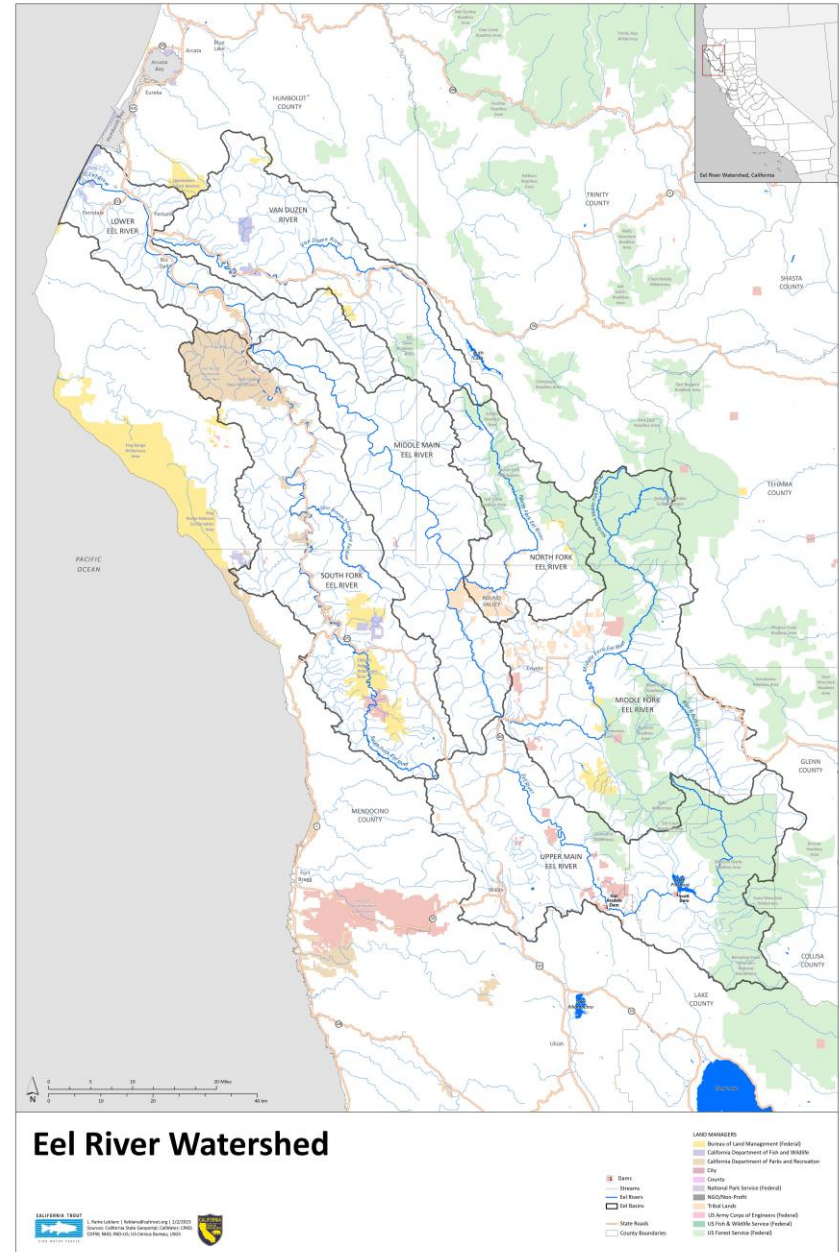
## Conservation and research in the Eel Watershed:

California Trout – Darren Mierau: Potter Valley and Pikeminnow updates

Round Valley Indian Tribes – Wyatt Smith: Current research and conservation

Wiyot Tribe – Marisa McGrew: Pacific Lamprey

TRIB – Samantha Kannry: Summer Steelhead



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# Eel River Watershed Conservation & Restoration Program - *PROGRAM GOALS*

To be successful, the Restoration Program should be broadly supported, implementable, and based in physical and biological processes. The following two sets of goals support the vision statement and will guide development of the Restoration Program.

**Outcome goals describe components of a successful Program are to:**

1. Restore and conserve intrinsic, self-sustaining ecological processes and habitats supporting recovery and life history diversity of native anadromous fish populations in the Eel River watershed.
2. Embrace the variability in dynamic ecological and geomorphic processes at the sub-watershed scale and integrate across these sub-watersheds to create an interconnected mosaic of habitats that support the various life history stages and strategies of focal species.
3. Acknowledge and support community and Tribal resource needs, economics, and recreational values of the watershed.
4. Recommend actions that are implementable on a timescale, magnitude, and trajectory that will achieve efficient and meaningful improvements.
5. Implement a prioritization process to develop a restoration strategy that integrates river corridor attributes with the needs of native fish and the aquatic ecosystem.
6. Include a robust monitoring, assessment, and active management process that allows evaluation of measurable goals and restoration targets and refinement of the Restoration Program.
7. Identify projects and areas where adaptive management can be implemented to revisit processes, prioritization, and goals of the Restoration Program.

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**VISION: A restored Eel River watershed that supports resilient and diverse habitats from headwaters to sea, self-sustaining and harvestable native fish, and healthy local communities."**

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**Process goals describe principles and strategies for developing the Program are to:**

1. Coordinate with and build support from Tribes, agencies, local communities, and others for restoration goals and strategies.
2. Incorporate the best available information in the Eel River by synthesizing existing data, input from experts, and species management plans within the watershed.
3. Incorporate lessons learned from ongoing and past restoration/recovery efforts in the Eel River watershed and from other basin-wide restoration programs.
4. Incorporate Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) from the indigenous people of the watershed to understand historical ecology, develop restoration and conservation strategies, and inform the prioritization process.

